



## DORCHESTER COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	347	308	351
Average Size (acres)	357	398	357
Land in Farms (acres)	123,762	122,443	125,385
<b>Livestock Inventory <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	979	589	316
Hogs	15,591	2,529	2,907
Sheep	31	2	2
<b>2002 Value of Sales <sup>1</sup></b>			
All Products (\$1,000)			83,866
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			57,379
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			12,848
Vegetables (\$1,000)			11,900
<b>Demographic Data <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	51.3	53.3	56.0
Percent Female Operators	16.4	4.2	11.4
<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			160
Equine Inventory			460
Value of Equine Inventory			\$5,280,000

<b>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Corn for Grain	7	Soybeans	3
Barley	5	Vegetables	1
Forage	23	Wheat	5

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Beef Cattle	23	Milk Cows	22
Broilers	5	Sheep	21
Hogs	4		

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<b>Crop</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage Harvested</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Total Production</b>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	24,500	86.2	2,112,500
	2003	22,800	141.4	3,224,000
	2004	24,600	160.9	3,957,300
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	45,200	19.7	888,400
	2003	40,500	36.6	1,481,000
	2004	49,100	45.1	2,216,400
Wheat (bushels)	2002	13,700	70.5	965,400
	2003	11,200	38.9	436,000
	2004	12,300	60.8	747,740
Hay (tons)	2002	700	2.0	1,400
	2003	600	2.0	1,200
	2004	600	2.5	1,500
Barley (bushels)	2002	3,500	74.7	261,400
	2003	3,400	59.3	201,700
	2004	3,600	80.8	290,900

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$67.50	\$62.72	\$76.94

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.